STINGERS IN THE **PERSIAN** GULF **REGION**

SEC. 580. Except as provided in section 581, the United States may not sell or otherwise make available any Stingers to any country bordering the Persian Gulf under the Arms Export Control Act or chapter 2 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

STINGERS FOR BAHRAIN

SEC. 581. (a) PREVIOUSLY TRANSFERRED STINGERS.—Notwithstanding section 580, section 573(b)(4) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988 and section 566(b)(4) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1989 shall cease to apply with respect to Stingers made available to Bahrain under those sections if the President determines and notifies the Committees on Appropriations and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate that—

(1) the Stingers are needed by Bahrain to counter an immediate air threat or to contribute to the protection of United States personnel, facilities, equipment, or operations;

(2) no other appropriate system is available from the United States;

(3) Bahrain has agreed, in writing, to such safeguards to protect against diversion of the Stingers as may be required by the United States; and

(4) Bahrain has agreed in writing to return to the possession and control of the United States all Stingers made available under those sections and subsection (b) of this section, other than Stingers which have been fired or otherwise destroyed, at any time the United States determines, subject to subsection (c).

(b) REPLACEMENT STINGERS.—Notwithstanding section 580, Stingers may be made available to Bahrain under the Arms Export Control Act or the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 after September 30, 1989, in order to replace, on a one-for-one basis, Stingers previously made available under this subsection, section 573 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988, or section 566 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs

Appropriations Act, 1989, that have been fired or otherwise destroyed, subject to the following conditions:

(5) DETERMINATIONS.—Replacement Stingers may be made available to Bahrain pursuant to this subsection only if the President makes the determinations specified in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a).

(6) NOTICE TO CONGRESS BEFORE STINGERS ARE TRANSFERRED.—At least 30 days before making any replacement Stingers available to Bahrain pursuant to this subsection, the President shall notify the committees designated in subsection (a) that he has made the determinations required by paragraph (1). Any such notification shall include the information required in a certification under section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act. This paragraph applies without regard to the value of the Stingers to be made available.

(c) RETURN OF STINGERS TO THE UNITED STATES.—All Stingers made available to Bahrain pursuant to subsections (a) and (b), other